

Streetcar Company
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2022

Location: Riverside Room, Belknap Mill, Laconia, NH

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Attendance: Brendan Berube, David Nelson, Carey Hough, Becky Guyer, Samm Johnson, Oriana Filiault, Ray Feola, Becky Fredette, Jennifer Nelson, Jordan Gagan, Emilia Clarke, Kristi Laurendeau, Jody Fredette

Public Comment:

- **Public comment open at 6:00pm**
 - Jordan -
 - Facebook Ideas (On this day, Birthday Posts, Theater Memes, Games/riddles, quotes, show throwbacks using items from the barn)
 - The Barn - organize, catalog items
 - Committees - shared google doc
 - General Members - what are those? Yearly dues?
 - Ticket prices
 - Jenn - we had talked about increasing prices of tickets recently and are currently discussing it as well.
 - Discussion circled around Social Media and who takes on those tasks. Samm stated we should have more social media apps and that we should have a historian or historical committee.
 - Emilia - membership and not volunteering/helping is a universal struggle right now. Her church organized a Jazz Open Mic night, to have a way for her congregation to meet and interact. Maybe a social activity/open mic night may spur more involvement.
 - **Conclude public comment at 6:23 pm with option to reopen**

Secretary Report:

- 07/12/2022 Minutes Approval
 - Brendan change June 14th to July 12th
 - Ray motions, Samm seconds
 - **MOTION: Accept the draft 07/12/2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**
 - **Unanimous vote: The motion passes.**
- Correspondence
 - Discussion of emails regarding Children's Auction Fundraiser from Raelyn and Isabella Cotrell.

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial Statement
 - Quite a bit going out.
 - Anonymous donation of \$100.
 - Does not include \$698 for Directors and Officers Insurance
 - Ray Motion, Becky G second
 - **MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report**



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- ***Unanimous vote: The motion passes***

Old Business:

- Directors and Officers Insurance
 - Paperwork has been filled out and checks delivered. It hasn't been cashed.
 - Brendan will follow up on check and see when our coverage begins.
- Update on Licensing Shows in Advance
 - MTI - do not have to pay for the entire license upfront to do auditions or announce show. Proceed with applying and pay \$400. Have to pay for the license in full before you can obtain materials. Kid shows need to be fully paid for before announcing.
 - Carey will reach out to Concord Theatricals to verify licensing rights for auditioning/announcing.
 - Becky G - we should figure out and secure rights for all shows planned for 22/23
- Belmont Parade
 - Carey no one on membership on facebook volunteered to take lead
- Gilford Old Home Day
 - Carey had something come and may not be able to help participate
 - Oriana and Becky G suggested messaging on facebook and Becky G will let 50th Gala people
 - David will send VIN for trailer to Carey so she can write it on the Bill of Sale
- Tech Training Workshops (Oriana)
 - Oriana has reached out but hasn't followed up. Looking for more information.
- Tilton School Update
 - David: Been talking for months. The verbal understanding we had was they are thrilled to have us want to do shows, they'd love our help collaborating with their school's shows. The idea was we could help out with their shows and we could do our shows at the cost of electricity differential. Things started being put on paper they asked \$150/day. If we limit that to a one week tech use. That puts us at over \$1000. Not a bad price for our spring musicals, however we'd most likely want a couple weeks. Doesn't make financial sense for plays. We were nervous about that price and we tried to call but we were unable to connect with her, sent an email instead stating that we couldn't afford that price. She asked what kind of price we had in mind, stated electricity differential and collaboration with Tilton School. Have not received any follow up. She put out the possibility for a director to direct at Tilton School and they would pay a stipend and would lower the cost of rental. David stated that that stipend would go into the pocket of the director not into Streetcar's bank.
 - We provided a lot of help for Little Shop of Horrors.
 - Oriana - can we let Kate Saunders know just how much we did for Little Shop? Can we reach out to their board? Oriana asked if it was comparable to other theater rates
- Show Reports/Updates
 - Lion King Jr.



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- Report is still in progress. Trying to get firmer numbers from Raelyn. Waiting on outstanding receipts. \$200 was budgeted for miscellaneous expenses - most likely would cover production gifts.
- Brighton Beach Memoirs
 - All but officially postponed indefinitely because it's been delayed twice. Venue didn't work out again. Would like to retrieve scripts so we have them for the future.
- Steamboat
 - Canceled because didn't work out timing or venue wise
- Children's Auction Show
 - August 17th, 6pm
 - 3 numbers (Children, Miscast Men's, Miscast Women's)
 - History blurb for Pat Kelly - Thank you to Becky G for a framework. Carey and Brendan added a couple flourishes.
 - Table - Jenn has documents she can update Samm will head up the table.
- 50th Anniversary Show
 - Great turnout last night. Lots of former faces. Great blend of people. Total cast of 36 or 38 however some more showing interest.
- Passage Into Fear
 - Jody Fredette is director; Becky Fredette is producer with David's help.
 - Venue is where we are stuck. Looking for traditional theater. Holding out for Tilton School but LHS would work too
 - David - careful on budget because it's not a well known production. Carey - really have to market this production. Becky G - need to educate public on what it is.
- Christmas Show(s)
 - Wicked Christmas Carol - happens between Dorothy lands in Munchkinland and when she leaves.
 - No venue yet.
 - Oriana asked if for some reason it was unable to be co-directed could it be directed/produced by just one person. Becky F said yes
- Virginia Wolfe
 - No venue but it's a single set so it can work in lots of places
- Spring Musical
 - Wedding Singer - want to put down deposit to secure licensing

New Business

- Ideas on promoting positivity in our company - tabled to next meeting.
- Venues, venues, venues -
 - David stated everyone needs to help look for venues.
 - Carey stated she thinks we need to start building larger budgets for venues. All community theaters are struggling right now. Jordan stated he was looking into grants, Carey said we need to fundraise, and get grants.



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- Ideas regarding company membership - tabled to next meeting.

Adjournment:

- **Becky F motions to adjourn; Samm seconded**
 - ***MOTION: Adjourn the meeting***
 - ***Unanimous vote: The motion passes***
- **The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday September 13, 2022 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carey Hough
Secretary



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